

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Erich RONNEBERGER Art Unit: 3722 10/619,486 Examiner: Dana ROSS Confirmation No. 7277 July 16, 2003 Atty.'s Docket: RONNEBERGER=2 For: GEAR TOOTH AND THREAD GRINDING MACHINE Washington, D.C. Date:August 16, 2004 Mail Stop Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents Monday P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith is a [ ] Amendment [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application. [XX] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: [XX] SMALL ENTITY (Col. 3) OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY (Col. 2) (Col. 1) **PRESENT ADDITIONAL** OR RATE **RATE ADDITIONAL CLAIMS** HIGHEST NO. **PREVIOUSLY** FEE FEE REMAINING **EXTRA** PAID FOR **AFTER EQUALS AMENDMENT** \$ **MINUS** 20 0 9 18 **TOTAL** 20 3 3 0 43 \$ 86 \$ INDEP. MINUS \$ 145 290 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL OR **TOTAL** \$ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. [XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below: [XX] Small Entity Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within Response Filed Within \$ 110.00 [XX] **First** 55.00 **First** \$ 210.00 Second \$ 420.00 Second Third - \$ 950.00 Third - \$ 475.00 [ ] - \$ 740.00 Fourth - \$ 1480.00 [ ] Fourth Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set Less fees (\$\_\_\_\_\_) already paid for \_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$\_55.00 A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached (check no. ).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any [XX] overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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